

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.11
Historic Name:	Rogers, Alvan House
Common Name:	Smith, Capt. Clarington Jr. House
Address:	575 State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	21-0007
Year Constructed:	r 1840
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	Agricultural; Other Residential; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Foundation: Stone, Cut



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Area(s)

Form Number

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Town

Eastham

(neighborhood or village)

575 State Highway

Historic Name

Present Residential

Original "

Period of Construction Between 1830
and 1858

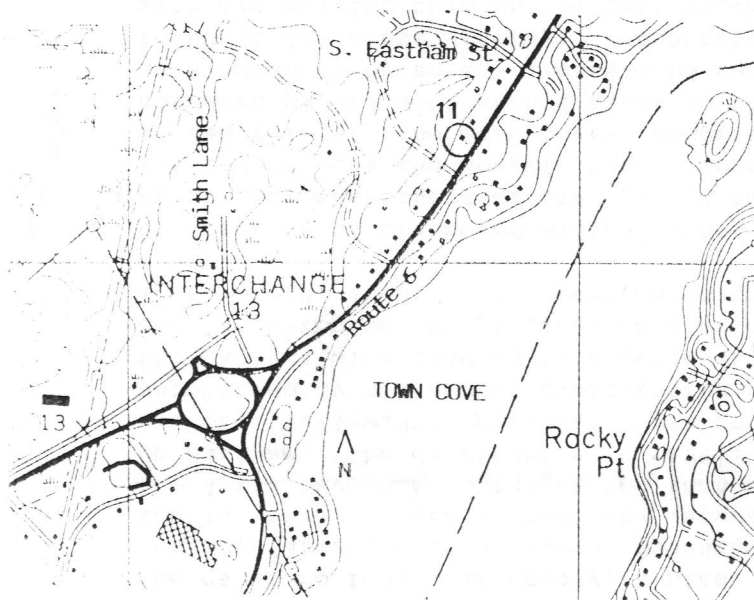
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Form Greek Revival, Gable-end,
Side-entry house with lateral wing

Architect/Builder



here. Indicate North.



Exterior Material:

Foundation Cut Stone

Wall/Trim Clapboard

Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Attached sheds and barn (see Architectural
Description).

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 1.1 acres

Setting Located in a densely-settled,
mixed-use, but largely residential section
of Route 6, the major, Cape Cod,
inter-community thoroughfare, the former
county road and a continuation of the
original Old King's Highway.

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BUILDING FORM

575 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION X See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The gable-roofed, 1 1/2-story, L-plan, dwelling in this typical nineteenth-century farmstead of attached appendages leading here to the small, New England barn differs in that the lateral wing is set back from the plan of the 3 x 2 bay, main block rather than aligned with it as is more common to Eastham. The distinction is partially obscured by the addition of a 1-story, full-width, enclosed porch on the wing. Interconnection is maintained by a 1-story, gable-roofed rear ell off the southwest corner of the lateral wing leading to a perpendicularly oriented ell/shed that adjoins the gable-roofed, New England barn with additional bay to the south and a 1 1/2-story, shed-roofed, section to the rear (west).

Utilization of clapboard siding rather than shingles also sets this dwelling apart from the others of its type in town. Wall and eaves detail is limited to wide end boards, boxed, molded cornice with return and a wide molded frieze. The main entry, comprised of a wooden door of 4, oblique-cornered panels with etched glass in the elongated, rectangular, upper panels, is surmounted by an Italianate hood set on heavy brackets, identical to that found at 445 State Highway. Fenestration consists of 2/2, double-hung sash with cap molding trim on the main block and lateral wing and plain trim on the rear ells. Narrow, 2/2 windows side the entry in what appears to be an apartment in the perpendicular ell leading to the barn. A tri-part window comprised of banded, fixed sash with colored border lights is located on the second floor of the barn. A 6/6, double-hung sash window is set in the

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to local historian, Howard Quinn, and title research by the Fred Heller of the Eastham Historical Society this property originally belonged to Alvan Rogers. Rogers' daughter married Hinckley Lincoln and lived nearby at 475 State Highway. No other information regarding Alvan Rogers was found in local sources. In 1866, he sold the property with the dwelling and outbuildings thereon (except for a barn and store room located between the house and barn that were to be removed) to Clarington Smith, Jr.

Captain Clarington Smith (b. Eastham, June 25, 1840; d. Eastham, September, 1926), son of Clarington and Effie Rogers Smith, went to sea at the age of twelve as a cook on a fishing boat. By the age of twenty-one, he had become the captain of a schooner. He reputedly made seven trips around the world and learned to speak French, Spanish, Italian, and German. After sailing the world, he spent the last twenty years of this seafaring life in the coastal trade in command of the schooners *Samos* and *Frank Rudd*. Upon retiring, Clarington Smith became involved in local affairs. He served as a member of

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

____ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

barn gable. Louvered blinds are found on many windows of both the house and appendages. Tall chimneys are located on the ridge of the main block and the rear ell.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

the Board of Selectman and planted and maintained the trees and hedge at the new Town Hall.

Clarrington Smith, Jr. married Julia Smith, daughter of Timothy and Ruth Knowles Smith and sister of Timothy who donated the new Town Hall erected in 1912 in memory of his family.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Eastham

Area Form No. 11

